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NORTHFIELD 10 YEARS AGO From The Files of The Press

The Fortnightly plans for a style show on March 22.

The Northfield Players were advertising the forthcoming showing of the play "Peck's Bad Boy."

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Porter of East Northfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Priscilla, to Charles H. Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving J. Lawrence of West Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dickerson are on a journey back home from Sweden to America.

Fiftieth anniversary of Talcott Memorial Library at Northfield Seminary will be observed in April this year.

After a contest, in which the name "King Phillip's Realm" was selected by a board of judges, for a battling slogan to advertise the territory of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties, the executive committee of the Western Mass. Visitors Association, of which A. Gordon Moody is president, meeting in Northampton, on Monday, discarded the same and selected the suggested name of "Pioneer Valley," by which the district will now be advertised as an attractive place in which to live, work and play.

At the Brotherhood meeting Tuesday evening, songs of the south were rendered by a quartet consisting of Rev. Lester White, Harry Erickson, Irving J. Lawrence and A. P. Pitt.

"Dawn Patrol" with Errol Flynn is playing at the Latchis Theatre.

Pink Salmon was 10 cents a can.

WEATHER STATION REPORT

The following data is compiled from the weather station located on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls:

Date	Max.	Min.	Snow	Rain
Feb. 15	47	31		.13
Feb. 16	45	23	1.5	.16
Feb. 17	41	23		
Feb. 18	33	8		
Feb. 19	43	10		
Feb. 20	54	33		
Feb. 21	48.5	20		
Feb. 22	40	26		
Feb. 23	36	31		

ON THE AIR



The Northfield Post 9874, V. F. W., will be on the air at the regular time this Saturday, 4:45 over station WHAI, with another in the series of Speak Up For Democracy broadcasts. Unto Hantunen will be the speaker.

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Japan To Become "Leading Democracy"

Dr. and Mrs. George A. Bronson received a most informative letter from William S. Bowser, Chief of the Liquidation Branch in Japan. The letter described in detail the holiday festivities in Japan, and went on to point out the differences in ceremonies with our Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Mr. Bowser had this to say about the future of Japan — "First, I believe Japan will become predominantly Christian in the next decade. The empty ceremony and tradition of Japanese beliefs is being found to be lacking and I think the Creed of Jesus is offering more in spiritual help and gratification which is so needed at this juncture in Japan's history. Secondly, I think you see emerge from this transfiguration, where cause, class and privilege is discarded, because Japan is building on the foundation, at the moment and if the red peril does not influence, a true cooperative spirit, hence I predict Japan during this decade will be an exemplary and leading democracy."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 27, WCTU illustrated lecture Congregational Church vestry. Gordon E. Watt, speaker.
March 1, Historical Society meeting, 7:30 p. m.
March 2, V. F. W. meeting, Post Quarters, 8 p. m. Election of officers.
March 3, Congregational Church parish supper 6:30 p. m.
WFO Meeting, 8 p. m. VFW Post quarters.
March 10, Evening Alliance.
Afternoon Alliance.
March 11, Frederic Snyder Lecture, Town Hall, 8 p. m.
March 13, 20-45 Club meeting.
March 14, P-T. A. Meeting, Alexander Hall, 8 p. m.
State Line Fellowship meeting.
March 16, Brotherhood meeting.

School For Girls Has Many Speakers

Northfield School for Girls will be represented at the Herald Tribune Forum next week by Miss Elizabeth M. Grey and three students Joanne Berresford of Durham Center, Conn., Marion Kneisner of Worcester, Mass., and Phyllis Meras of Exeter, N. H.

Speakers at Northfield School for Girls have included several outstanding educators. On February 15 President Mordecai W. Johnson of Howard University spoke to the faculty on "Secondary Education". Dr. Johnson, whose daughter is a student at the school, was recently mentioned in an article in the Saturday Evening Post in which the problems of Howard University were described.

The Council of the Campus Government Association were addressed at a meeting last Saturday morning by Judge Sadie Shulman of Boston's Municipal Court. Judge Shulman who has been a member of the judiciary since 1930, spoke on "A Day in Court" and the entire student body were recently privileged to hear Miss Nadine Shepardson, director of radio and head of the department of speech at Mount Holyoke College. This address introduced a campaign for better speech on the part of the students and will be concluded with prizes for essays on the subject.

State Representative Philip Allen of Andover, Mass., will be the speaker at a special meeting of the honor students to be held at Miss Wilson's house on March 7. Mr. Allen who is one of the outstanding members of the Massachusetts Legislature, will speak on "Community Responsibilities."

Local Pioneer Valley Drive Underway Here

The local Pioneer Valley Committee headed by Harold Briesmaster, and aided by Charles Repeta, Mrs. Charles White, Ted Powell and Unto Hantunen are conducting a membership drive this week throughout the town.

Final reports will be made at the March 1st dinner to be held in Springfield and sponsored by the Association.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Ernest A. Parker, has been invited to attend and to participate in a general discussion entitled "Community Problems."

Several local committee members are expected to attend.

Annual International Week end at Schools

The annual International Week end at the Northfield School for Girls opened Friday afternoon, February 25. Students who are attending Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Vassar, Skidmore, and Russell Sage, and are natives of several different countries will be guests of the Northfield students until Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Harold J. Berman, visiting professor of Law at Harvard Law School and research associate at the Russian Research Center of Harvard, will speak to both the Northfield girls and the college students on "Russian-American Relations in Europe" Saturday afternoon. An informal discussion session will follow Dr. Berman's talk.

The Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain of the school, is in charge of the program and he will be assisted by Miss Eleanor Davis, head of the school's History department.

A joint concert of the Northfield and Mount Hermon orchestra and glee clubs will be given in the Auditorium at the Northfield School for Girls on Saturday evening, March 5, at 8:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend as guests of the Northfield Schools.

Guest preachers at the February 27 morning worship services at the Northfield Schools will be Rev. Harold B. Ingalls of the National Council of Student Christian Associations in New York, in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a. m. and Rev. Seymour Smith of the Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Conn., in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will be guest preacher at the Sunday morning worship service at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., Feb. 27.

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Legion Auxiliary Gives to Heart Fund

Members of the Haven H. Spencer Post American Legion Auxiliary met in the Legion rooms, Thursday, Feb. 17, with four new members present.

President Mrs. Lura Stone presided, and various reports were read and accepted.

It was voted to help the Historical Society in its plans for the 225th celebration. It was also voted to give \$5.00 to the Heart Drive. Mrs. Alice Briesmaster gave a reading on the home life of George Washington. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dorothy Bigelow and Miss Esther Ladzinski.



MILLER
At Franklin County Public Hospital, Feb. 16, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Miller of Maple street, Northfield; granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miller and Mrs. Pearl Allen, all of Northfield; great granddaughter of Mrs. Nellie Chapman of Boscawen, N. H., and Albert Allen of Greenfield.

UNAITIS
In Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Feb. 20, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Unaitis of South Vernon.

A Swimming Pool? ?
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Regional High Schools For Better Education

The State Legislature was urged last week to help small towns set up regional high schools. A special recess commission reported there were too many small "obsolete" high schools.

"There are 176 one-teacher schools where the teacher attempts to teach pupils in eight different grades," the report said. "There are 60 small towns maintaining high schools with a student membership of under 100." Some of these towns are reported to be in Franklin County, but Northfield was not named on the list.

State financial aid was urged for towns to further regional schools — help in paying for (a) the instructional program, (b) school plant facilities, (c) pupil transportation.

The idea of regional high schools has been receiving a good deal of attention in Northfield, most of it favorable.

Raise Employees' Pay

An agreement has been reached at the Erving paper mills, whereby its hourly employees will receive a pay raise of five cents an hour which went into effect last week. James Fish, director of manufacturing, made the announcement following a conference of management representatives at the office of Judge C. Edward Rowe in Athol.

Quiz Program For Historical Society

The quarterly meeting of the Northfield Historical Society will be held at the home of the Misses Maud and Amy Hamilton, Tuesday, March 1st, at 7:30 p. m. The Society is thinking about a picnic trip in the summer instead of the annual meal in March this year.

The main subject for the coming gathering centers about Northfield history and will take the form of a quiz program with discussion. Anyone may supply questions, although some have been prepared for starters. One or two other local topics may supplement the program's quiz.

One question, suggested by a reading of Cleveland Amory's book, THE PROPER BOSTONIANS, 1947 might relate to spring dance floors. The author says the first ballroom floor in this country to be built on springs was made for Papanti, the dancing instructor in Boston in 1837.

Montague Inn and the third floor at the Bronson Nursing Home have such floors. How old are they? How were the couples dressed and what dances were in style then? Where was the line drawn between those who would and those who would not dance?

Other questions will deal with the period of different developments in the advancement of the town from the pioneer days.

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Northern Gateway

Northfield is the northern gateway to Pioneer Valley. To the Pioneer Valley that did \$25,000,000 worth of business in the tourist field last year.

A membership campaign is now under way in town to secure new members, as well as to keep old members, for the Association in preparation for the tourist year of 1949.

It is too bad that Pioneer Valley means so little in this gateway town that only a small percentage of the business men assume a membership in this organization.

For unquestionably some of the \$25,000,000 spent in Pioneer Valley last year was spent in Northfield — and more than that every business man in this town heard the tinkle of tourist money in his cash register — tourists attracted here by the varied and ever-increasing Pioneer Valley publicity.

In order to keep the tax rate down, you may have to make the tourist dollar go up — and one important way is through the Pioneer Valley Association.

Pioneer Valley not only needs, but deserves the support of every person in this town — for each of us benefit from it in ratio to the amount we put into it.

Northfield, the northern gateway to Pioneer Valley, has something to sell through the Pioneer Valley Association.

DO YOU KNOW MASSACHUSETTS?

Compiled by the Massachusetts State Planning Board

DO YOU KNOW THAT... Up to December 31, 1948, a total of 67,502 Massachusetts veterans had borrowed \$440,635,394 under the G. I. loan plan for the purchase of homes, farms or businesses. The Veterans Administration's guarantee and insurance of these loans totaled about \$191,028,000. Massachusetts at the close of 1948 had a total of 97 airports and seaplane bases of all classes. Production of Massachusetts' fishing industry is exceeded in the United States only by Alaska and California in weight and only by California in value. A Bureau of Labor Statistics survey shows that the average construction cost of new single-family dwellings started in 1947 in the Boston Area was \$7,700, exclusive of land, landscaping or seller's profit. Only 21% of these homes cost less than \$5,250, which was regarded as the top in moderate priced housing before the war. Of the 10,133 manufacturing establishments in Massachusetts that reported for old age insurance taxation during the first quarter of 1947, 3,868 had less than eight employees. 8,823 had less than 100, and only 270 had 500 or more employees. At its recent annual meeting, the town of Harwich voted to establish an official planning board.

U.S. SECURITY BONDS NOW!

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FEBRUARY

26—Canal Zone granted U. S. by treaty with Panama, 1904

27—Reichstag building fire, Germany, 1933

28—Wisconsin Dairy-men's Assn. founded at Watertown, 1872

MARCH

1—Battle of Manila Bay, 1898

2—Ash Wednesday

3—Alexander Graham Bell, telephone inventor, born, 1847

6—Coolidge Dam dedicated, 1930

Almanac

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Pioneer Valley Does \$25,000,000 Business

The Pioneer Valley Association held its 10th annual meeting in Northampton, Feb. 7, with 59 towns in Pioneer Valley represented.

At this 10th birthday dinner retiring president George V. Wallace Jr. told the audience that advertising and promotion by the Association has raised the tourist trade business in the Valley to an annual volume of \$25,000,000.

A. L. Lawrence, treasurer of the H. B. Smith Company in Westfield, was named president for 1949.

Mr. Wallace, who is president of the Hadley Falls Trust Company, also described the Association's growing work in crop promotion, industrial study, summer home promotion, conservation, and community improvements, and stated that in the tourist field, the area has developed a four season business.

"Tourist money," declared Mr. Wallace, "supports people who never see the tourist. Our citizens buy automobiles, food, soda fountains, permanent waves, clothing and hundreds of other things with money spent by tourists whom they never meet. Salesmen of food, supplies, services, materials and equipment travel the area from south to north, and they, too, patronize all our facilities and pay us with tourist money."

George H. Bean, author of "Yankee Auctioneer" delivered a keynote speech entitled, "This land of Mine."

Committee members attending from Northfield were: Harold Briesmaster, chairman, Charles Repeta, Ted Powell and Unto Hantunen.

Basketball SCOREBOARD

While holding Joe Bilmon to six points New Salem went on to defeat Northfield, 35 to 21, thereby winning the first King Phillip championship.

Although they were able to tally only one foul shot in the final period the Northfield girls were able to outlast the New Salem girls and win by a score of 16-15.

The Northfield boys wound up in third place in the league, while the girls tied with New Salem for second place.

Summary:
NEW SALEM — W. Carey, lf, 2-1; 5-6; Rushford, lf, 0-0-0; Barber, rf, 5-2-12; O'Laughlin, rf, 0-0-0; R. Carey, c, 5-4-14; Abbott, c, 0-0-0; Godfred, lf, 0-1-1; Hamilton, rf, 0-3-3; Stratton, rf, 0-0-0; Totals, 12-11-35.

NORTHFIELD — Parsons, rg, 0-0-0; R. Whitney, rg, 1-1-3; Morgan, lf, 0-0-0; Hutchinson, lf, 0-0-0; Allen, lf, 0-0-0; Severance, c, 4-2-10; Kenney, c, 0-0-0; W. Whitney, rf, 0-0-0; Jurkowski, rf, 1-0-2; Bilmon, lf, 3-0-6; Mello, lf, 0-0-0; Totals, 9-3-21.

Score by periods: 1 2 3 4
New Salem 17 8 3 7-35
Northfield 5 3 6 7-21

Referee, McCarthy.

NORTHFIELD GIRLS — Man-kowsky, lf, 1-1-3; Barber, lf, 0-0-0; Hartford, lf, 1-0-2; Whitney, rf, 4-2-10; Allen, cf, 0-1-1; Randall, cf, 0-0-0; Carter, lf, 0-0-0; Hes-elton, lf, 0-0-0; Mello, rg, 0-0-0; Totals, 6-4-16.

NEW SALEM GIRLS — Richardson, rg, 0-0-0; Gillespie, rg, 0-0-0; V. Carey, lf, 0-0-0; Herk, cf, 0-0-0; Fellows, cf, 2-2-6; Williams, rg, 1-0-2; Stratford, lf, 2-3-7; Totals, 5-5-15.

Score by periods: 1 2 3 4
Northfield 3 6 6 1-16
New Salem 4 5 3 3-15

Referee, McKinley. Umpire, Durfee.

King Phillip Basketball League (Final Standings)

Boys	W	L	GB	Pct.
New Salem	5	1	—	.833
Hinsdale	4	2	1	.667
Northfield	3	3	2	.500
Powers Institute	0	6	5	.000
Girls	W	L	GB	Pct.
Powers Institute	6	0	—	1.000
New Salem	3	3	3	.500
Northfield	3	3	3	.500
Hinsdale	0	6	6	.000

HISTORICAL NOTES

NORTHFIELD FIRE HOSE COMPANY

Last week we closed with the notation that Northfield Fire Hose Company got "soaked" at the Proctor fire and requested the town to supply members of the Company with water proof clothing and hats. This request was made on June 9, 1908.

At the regular meeting of Oct. 13, 1908, Will Dale reported that he did two hours work at Dwight Preston's fire on Oct. 5.

On Dec. 8, 1908, the treasurer reported that he had collected, from the town the amount of \$54.50, due the members for their services. This amount was then distributed among the several members.

At the regular meeting of April 13, 1909, with Capt. Mead, Arthur Mason, Will Dale, Fred Irish, and Dwight Proctor present, "It was suggested that as a special town meeting will be held shortly an article might be inserted in the Warrant calling attention of the Town to the unfinished condition of the Hose House — with a view of having the same completed and put into condition for use and the Secretary was instructed to prepare such an article."

No further mention was made as to the fate of the article in the Warrant, but at the June 8th meeting there was a discussion "as to when the Hose House would be completed."

On July 13, 1909 Capt. Mead reported a fire in Revell Hall on the 10th "which he and Arthur Mason attended hiring horse to drag Hose Cart. They were in attendance two hours."

The rest of the year went along pretty well, without fires, and on Dec. 14, 1909, the sum of \$41 was

distributed among several members for their services during the year.

At the Feb. 8, 1910 meeting Capt. Mead reported a fire at Sons of Veterans Hall on the morning of Jan. 12, with the following doing four hours service: Capt. Mead, Will Dale, Arthur Mason and Fred Irish.

At the regular meeting on March 8th, "after some discussion it was decided that the members see the Selectmen with a view to induce them to finish the hose house building and also the tower for the proper drying of the hose."

On May 10, 1910, "John W. Phelps was proposed as a member of the Co. and by unanimous vote was admitted."

On Sept. 13, Capt. Mead reported two fires, one on August 23, Robbins and Evans fire, and on Sept. 5, at Herbert Chamberlain's. The Company put in long hours at both of these fires.

On Dec. 13, 1910, members were paid for their services during the year. A motion was made at this meeting, Voted: "The Secretary draw up an article to be inserted in the next Town Warrant to have the Hose House finished and made ready for use and present it for signatures at the next regular meeting."

"It was suggested the Company give a social dance at the town hall during the winter, the proceeds to be expended in buying hats and coats for the use of the company."

A little trouble with the hose house and the hats and coats, but then maybe they will get them soon.

(To be continued)

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It occurred to me that it might be of interest to give a list of some of the books we were able to borrow. I will list only the non-fiction this week owing to lack of time.

In the world of sports: Walter Johnson, King of the Pitchers, by Treat; Joe Louis, American, by Margery Miller.

Child Care: Care and diet of children by Reynolds; Your Child's development and guidance, told in pictures, by Lois Hayden Meek.

On various subjects: Strange Animals I have Known, by Dittmars; Mink, Mary and Me, story of a wilderness trapline, by Ferguson; Southward ho, by LaVarre;

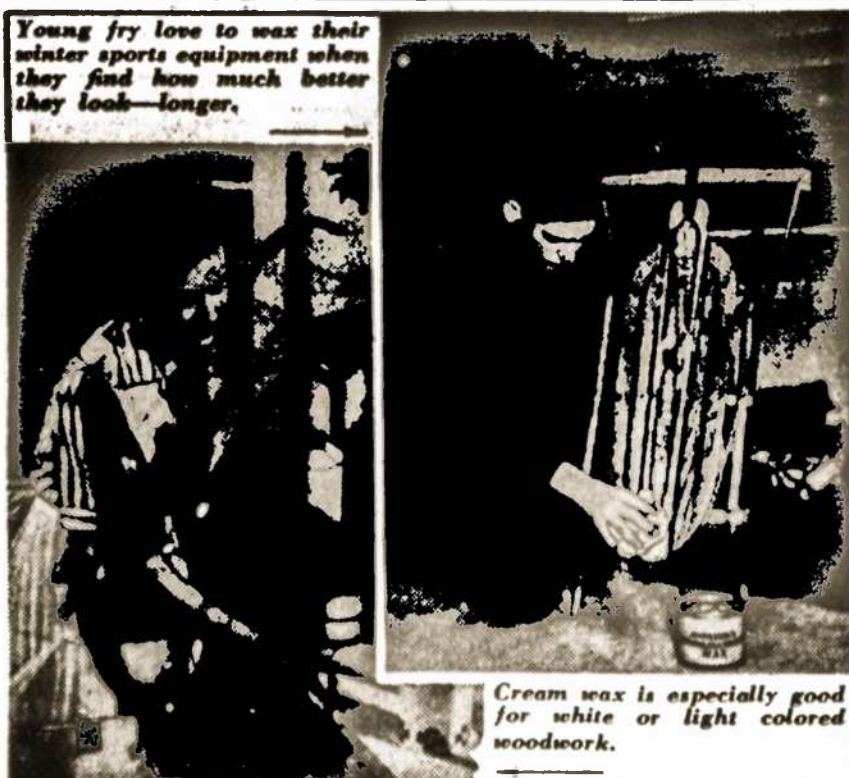
Cape Cod yesterdays, by Joseph Lincoln and Harold Brett; Historic Salem in four seasons, by Samuel Chamberlain; The hidden Lincoln, from the letters and papers of William H. Herndon, by Emanuel Hertz; Echo of a cry, a story which began in China, by Malmal See; Plays of America's achievements, by Ullman; Good Night, sweet prince, life of John Barrymore, by Fowler; Victory of television, by Kerby; Perspective made easy by Ernest Norling.

Poetry: Vermont Valley, by Walter Hard; Maine ballads, by Robert P. Tristram Coffin; Anthology of New England poets.

Copies of magazines which we are not subscribing at present and which would be appreciated are Scientific American; School arts magazine; Dental Health; Better Homes and gardens; and Life; also The Saturday Evening Post, and Newsweek.

F. H. P.

WAX and WINTER



When Shakespeare wrote "Now is the winter of our discontent" in Richard III, we have a hunch he was referring to this time of year, when the snow's no longer fresh—or fun—and when nature seems to contrive to make lots of house-cleaning chores harder. But there's one thing you can do to help the situation—start waxing. Yes, wax can and should play a big part in your winter activities. After finishing with the obvious things—floors, woodwork and furniture—if you'll look around you'll find lots of surfaces that can be greatly helped by a coat of wax.

First, window sills. Wax works wonders in helping to protect your sills from snow or slush drifting in when your windows are open at night. And wax makes windows open and close more easily. Then take lamps. You use them more in winter—so remember that parchment shades are benefited by wax. Likewise your radio, phonograph, and piano. Rub wax on the snow shovel so snow won't cake on it. Remind the sports addicts in your household that skis and sleds look and keep better if well waxed. You'll be at your desk more until the days really get longer, so wax up the leather desk set, picture frames and leather covered books on your shelves. Andirons and implements at your fireplace can be spruced up with wax. Likewise radiator covers, brass or copper—so wax 'em!

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Know Your Teachers

Miss Mary Dalton

Northfield can point with pride to the graduates of Northfield High School who have become teachers. One of these graduates who returned to serve the town is Miss Mary Ellen Dalton, our third grade teacher in the Center School.

Miss Dalton was born in the house on East street which has always been her home. She was graduated from Northfield High School and Northfield Seminary and at various times, she has taken courses to better her education at Hyannis and Massachusetts State College.

She began her teaching career with two years of teaching grades 1-8 in Northfield Mountain at School No. 6 which was called the Greenleaf District. On week ends she went back and forth by horse

and buggy. Her next position was at the Lower Farms where she taught grades 1-6 for four years. At that time, the older grades went up town by train to the Old Center School. Miss Dalton traveled to the Farms by train every Monday morning during the school year, boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Osgood Leach during the week, and returned to Northfield via train on Friday night.

When she began to teach at the Old Center School, she had various grade combinations: 1-3, 3-4, and 4-5. When the new Center School was opened, she became the third grade teacher. Now she goes to school occasionally by auto.

Miss Dalton is a regular attendant at St. Patrick's Church, the Garden Club meetings, the P. T. A., and the Fortnightly. After school hours, she spends her time taking care of her home, enjoying good books and her flower garden.



by Gertrude C. Whitney

I wonder if our climate is changing or whether we are just having a streak of luck here in the East, when the West has suffered so cruelly with its succession of blizzards leaving layer after layer of snow piling in places to as high as fifty feet. We in the East should be very thankful for our unusually mild winter. Still, as I go about, I see that the frost has done its work on the roads causing long cracks in spots, or mounds where rocks have been forced up near the surface.

Well, the proverbial "groundhog" or woodchuck, must have seen his shadow on Candlemas Day and gone back into his hole for another six weeks, otherwise, the Weather Man's pessimistic prognostications have often had a happy outcome: rain has proved to be snow and skies have turned to blue. Our spirits have risen with the weather and the skiers are joyful at last.

In his usual 7:00 o'clock broadcast on the morning of February 2nd, Don Tuttle of Radio Station WHAI provided a savory bit of human interest by remarking: "I haven't seen the groundhog yet, but there was a large, black and white skunk walking down the center of Federal street as I was going to work this morning." (As though skunks were ever anything but black and white, except when dyed and masquerading as martens on women's coats!) This reminds me of the conundrum that they used to spring on us when I was a girl: What is black and white and read all over? Of course the answer is obvious when the question is printed, but rather mystifying, as pronounced.

Do you notice how much longer the days are getting, especially these pleasant days? The snow is not too deep and just now would be a grand time to get out in the orchard and remove the suckers and too close limbs from your fruit trees, if you have not already done so, also examine the trunks of your apple trees just below the snow line and make sure the rodents haven't girdled them, in their hunger for green bark. Also, if one got right at it, it might still be time to take the dead wood off the grape vines. Roses, raspberries and blackberries could have the dead canes removed later, but the grape vines need first attention for the sap rises with a rush in the early spring. It is always a good plan to seal the cut stem with small potato end, if there is any danger of bleeding. That has been my method in the past and it works fine — the potato even sprouts.

While you are examining your apple trees, look for the brown shiny belts of the tent caterpillar. These can be so easily removed with the fingers and burned, thereby saving you no end of trouble later. Also remove loose bark where cocoons may be coiled. Get rid of them; also take your jack-knife and cut out any cancerous growth you may find on the limbs; then spray.

I have seen my father take his pocket knife and score the bark of the pear trees lengthwise, to allow for new growth. Some varieties, like the Flemish Beauty, are given to making unsightly cracks, not only on the bark, but on the fruit as well. I think this tendency has brought the pear into disrepute for it is anything but a "beauty" all covered with black cracks. "Flemish Beauty" would have been more appropriate.

My father planted a dozen or fifteen pear trees in our back yard and eight rock maples edging the front yard. It was a corner lot. He took great pride in his trees. So did I. The corner maple was a beauty and had a convenient curving limb so that I could easily reach it from the top of the picket-fence and spend a summer afternoon reading a book thereon, safely concealed from the road by its thick foliage.

Some people claim not to like the flavor of pears. To me they are delicious and very good for one's health. We had Bartlett's, Clapp's Favorite, Sheldons, Seckles, among others, and Flemish Beauties, as I have said. Each variety had its own distinctive shape and flavor. The Flemish Beauties proved such a disappointment that my father had them grafted with Buerre Bosc and Buerre D'Anjou (long russet pears) on one tree and Bartlett on the other. These we enjoyed very much, and the cracks were entirely absent in the grafted fruit. The grafting was done in the fall. Some day I will tell you of my experience with peaches.

WCTU Holds Lecture Everyone Welcome

A WCTU sponsored illustrated lecture will be presented in the vestry of the Congregational Church on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 8 p. m. The speaker will be Gordon E. Watt of Greenfield.

Mr. Watt, whose life was one of sin and shame, and that of a habitual drunkard, will tell his own story, "A Converted Alcoholic."

Everyone is cordially welcome and there is no admission. A collection will be taken.

News Commentator to Speak in Town Hall

Frederick Snyder, well-known international news commentator of Kingston, N. Y., will speak on Friday evening, March 11, at the Northfield Town Hall, under the auspices of the Square and Compass Club of Harmony Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

His subject is "Keeping Ahead of the Headlines", presented in the form of a verbal newspaper of which clever idea Mr. Snyder is the editor and originator. His up-to-the-minute news of world affairs is vividly portrayed in the form of some sensational headline facts, an editorial of inspiration, a humorous column and some advertisements urging action.

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Tickets are available from members of the Lodge.

Operating A Band Saw

Wheels of a band saw and the blade (except at the point of operation) should be fully enclosed, not only to keep a person from coming into contact with the blade but also to prevent body injury in case the blade should break. The saw-blade guide should be so adjusted that there will be no unnecessary clearance between the guide and the work.

Oldest Roosevelt a Painter
Lamherth Jakobs van Roosevelt, a pioneer of the Roosevelt family, was born in 1488 in Haarlem, Holland. He earned his living as a painter and was one of the earliest of the famous Haarlem painter school that later on produced such famous names as Frans Hals, Wouwerman, Ruysdale, van der Helst and many others.

Oregon Still Leading in Timber
When pioneers came to the Oregon territory a century ago, it was covered with the greatest abundance of forests in the nation. This territorial centennial year finds Oregon with still about one-fourth of the merchantable timber in the nation, which it led last year with a harvest of more than six billion board feet.

Spring-summer Events Announced for N. H.

A few of the many events planned to take place during New Hampshire's spring-summer vacation season have been announced. The Planning and Development Commission of that state said today it was expected that dates of many more popular vacation-time events would be announced within the next two months. Events already announced include the following:

June 15. Exhibition and sale of products, Wolfeboro Home Industries, Kehonka Hill recreation hall, Wolfeboro.

June 19-25 and June 26 - July 2 Third Annual New Hampshire Conservation Camp at Spruce Pond Camp, Bear Brook State Park, Alenstown. An opportunity to learn about conservation of soil, water, grassland and wild life, for boys and girls who are at least fourteen years of age and have completed one year in high school, and teachers, camp counselors, and youth leaders. Sponsored by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Concord, N. H., with twenty cooperating agencies.

July 8, 9, 10 — Eighth annual revival of "The Old Homestead", Denman Thompson's beloved old-time American play, at the Potash Bowl, Swansey. Further information from Mrs. Helen K. Adams, publicity director, The Old Homestead, R. F. D. No. 1, Keene, N. H.

July 12-Sept. 3 — Chase Barn Playhouse, Whitefield, 12th season. Performances evenings Tuesday through Saturday. Matinee each Saturday. Margaret Hazlewood, managing-director, and Lucy Chase Sparks, sponsor. An apprentice school operates in connection with the theatre.

Salisbury Players, Theatre-in-the-Round, Town Hall, Salisbury, is planning to start its second season June 15. The company will be enlarged from 16 to 18 players.

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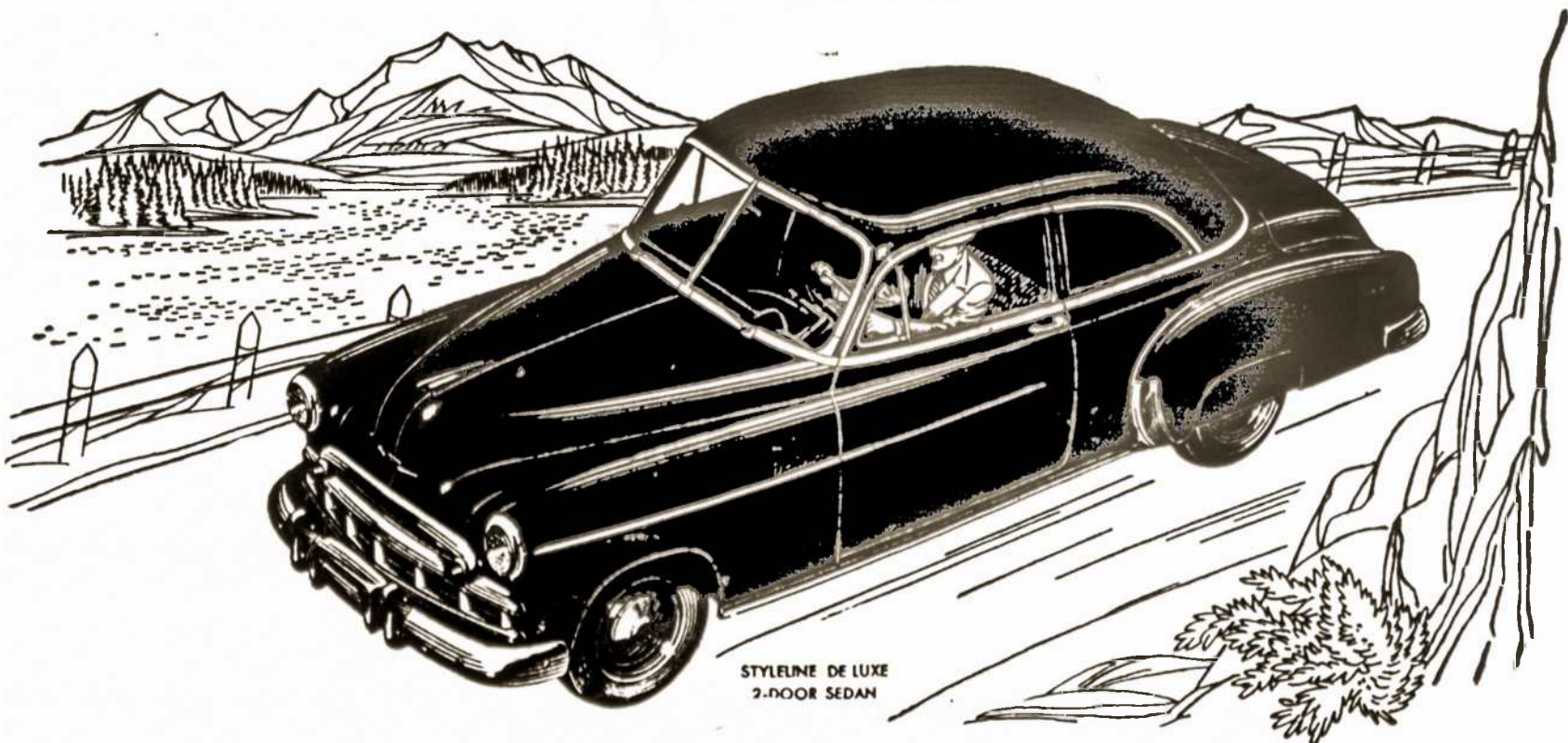
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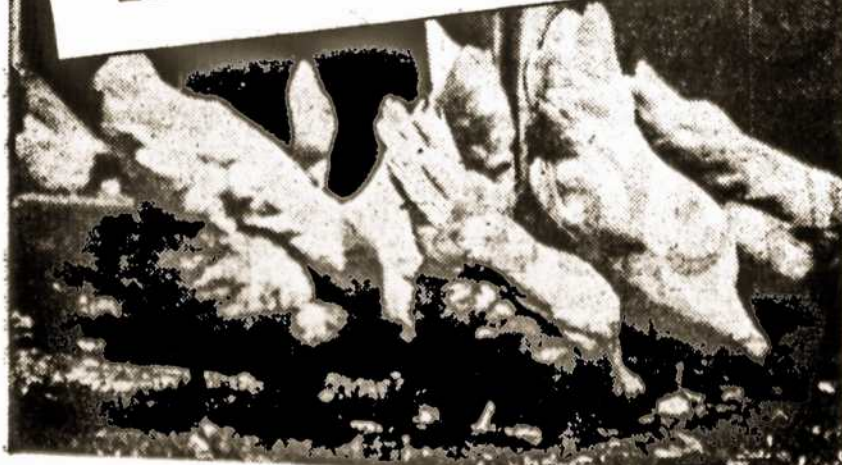
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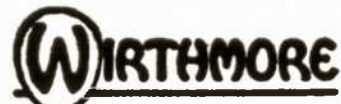
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Sunday, February 27,

9:00 a. m. Junior Choir rehearsal.

9:55 a. m. Church School.

10:00 a. m. Young People's Forum

and Men's Bible Class.

11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Ser-

mon subject, "Lent Can Help."

Pre-school age children attended by

Mrs. Ray Thompson.

6:30 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship of

Young People. Leona White in

charge of the devotional service.

Dr. True will show pictures of

Nova Scotia.

Church School teachers and offi-

cers will meet at the parsonage on

Monday evening at 7:30.

We shall begin the Lenten sea-

son with a family parish supper on

Thursday at 6:30. Miss Natalie

Briesmaster and her committee will

serve the supper. Each family is to

bring a hot dish containing meat

or a meat substitute, or a salad, or

a dessert. There will follow a

devotional service and some of the

beautiful travel pictures of Mr. and

Mrs. Harry Sandborn.

The Women's Auxiliary will meet

at the home of Mrs. George Carr on

Friday evening at 7:45. "China,

Twilight or Dawn?" will be review-

ed by Miss Maud Hamilton, Mrs.

Ralph Sargent, Mrs. Grove Deming

and Mrs. George Carr. Devotions

will be led by Miss Alice Munde.

Mid-week Lenten services will be

held in the vestry each Thursday

evening during Lent. Mr. Reeves

will speak on "The Life and Teach-

ings of Jesus." There will be an

opportunity to ask questions.

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Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister.

Sunday, February 27,

10:00 a. m., Sunday School.

11:00 a. m., Service and Sermon,

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5:00 p. m., A. U. Y. Meets.

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11:30 a. m., Sunday School.

8:00 p. m., Lecture and pictures

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Tuesday, March 1,

Fasting and Prayer for New

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Wednesday, March 2,

Mid-week Prayer Service.

Friday, March 4,

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Spring Fashions
Parade Through
The Town Hall

"Rhapsody in Blue," a fashion
show of the latest spring styles
from Wilson's, sponsored by the
Fortnightly, was shown at the
town hall, Thursday, Feb. 17.

Against a pale blue background,
and through a flower-decked arch-
way, glided some of the most at-
tractive spring styles of 1949. The
important color of this spring is
blue, with navy and royal predom-
inating. Tailored suits, loose coats
soft dressmaker suits, print dress-
es with, and without, separate
jackets. Neat little straw, small
handbags, and the latest jewelry,
and corsages completed the picture
for spring.

There were some casual clothes:
cottons, slacks and knit wear; and
also, children's clothes. A bridal
scene completed the show.

Wilson's Betty Brewster, in a
navy crepe dress with white trim
and a small white hat, gave an
interesting commentary on the de-
tails of each costume during the
parade. Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed
was accompanist.

Those who participated as mod-
els were: Miss Beryl Stinson, Pearl
Barber, Mrs. Harvey Jack, Mrs.
James C. Gillespie, Mrs. D. M. Jew-
ett, Jr., Mrs. Unto Hantunen, Mrs.
Jennie Warnock, and Mrs. Robert
Barry; children's clothes: Ann
Parker, Agnes Duda, Nancy Mann,
Peggy Streeter, and Dennis Lan-
phear; the bridal scene, Mrs. Robert
Johnson, Mrs. Harvey Jack,
Miss Barbara Mankowsky, Mrs.
Daniel O'Keefe and Peggy Streeter.

Moose in Superior Forest
Superior national forest is one of
the few areas in the United States
inhabited by moose, largest living
members of the deer family and
confirmed denizens of the wilder-
ness. In spite of protecting from
hunting since 1922, moose still are
declining even in the most favor-
able environments, and disappear-
ing entirely in areas made unfavor-
able through settlement, fires and
various other factors which disturb
the animal and drive it into more
primitive areas. The Superior's
moose population is now estimated
at about 500, according to the U. S.
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